

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-27, 35 and 37-42 were rejected. By the present Response, claims 1, 3, 10, 18, 35 and 40 are amended, and claim 2 is canceled. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1, 3-27, 35 and 37-42 will remain pending in the present patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are requested.

In the Office Action, the drawings were objected to due to the failure to provide a proper annotated version in the previous Response. The annotated version required by the Examiner is provided by the present Response.

Claim 40 was rejected due to repetitious language that has been removed by the present amendments.

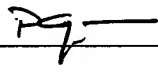
All of the independent claims have been amended to more clearly distinguish their subject matter from the cited prior art, particularly regarding the separate and parallel disposition of the springs or biasing members in the torch handle. Reconsideration and allowance of the amended claims are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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